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SUBJECT: REUTERS STORY QUOTING AMBASSADOR UM SIM

1. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET TOLD ME MARCH 23 THAT THE MARSHAL HAD BEEN QUITE DISTURBED BY A REUTERS DISPATCH DATED WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT MARCH 22, QUOTING GKR AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON UM SIM TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE RETURN OF SIHANOUK PROVIDED IT MEANS PEACE. UM SIM ALSO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WITHOUT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE, THE GKR WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CAPITULATE. LONG BORET ASKED WHETHER WE COULD OBTAIN FULL TEXT OF REUTERS DISPATCH IN QUESTION. I SAID I WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON; I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UM SIM OBVIOUSLY IS ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO A DIFFERENT AUDIENCE THAN KHMER POLITICIANS IN CAMBODIA, I.E. THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND PUBLIC, WHILE THE GKR IS PRIMARLY FOCUSSED ON THE EFFECT OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE KHMER PEOPLE.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE REUTERS DISPATCH AS WELL AS ANY COMMENTS WHICH MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON UM SIM'S REMARKS AND WHICH WILL REASSURE THE MARSHAL ABOUT THE LOYALTY OF HIS AMBASSADOR.
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